

Minutes

Seymour Common Council

September 14, 2026

The September 14, 2026, Seymour City Council was called to order by Mayor Matt Nicholson at 7:00pm. The invocation was given by Reverend Teresa Poole, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A virtual/streaming option was available.

Members Present: Mayor Matt Nicholson, Clerk/Treasurer Darrin Boas, Danielle Long, Brad Lucas, Mark Maxie, Chad Hubbard, Seth Davidson, Denny Frey, City Attorney Chris Engleking, Fred and Sally Vogel, The Parkers, The Stahls, The Kings, Assistant Police Chief John Watson, Police Lieutenant CJ Foster, DPW Director Alan Axsom, Mayor Admin Jane Hayes, Ashley Grizzle, Tyler Hinkle, Bill Braman, Micheal Maxie, Mike Wright, Fire Chief Eric Roll, Mathew Beam, Mary Winburn, and a few other residents.

On a motion by Councilman Frey, seconded by Councilman Lucas, the minutes from the 8/10/2026 meeting were approved.

Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions:

- None to report

Public Hearing:

- The Mayor opened a public hearing for the proposed Super Voluntary Annexation of Certain Territory to the City of Seymour, Indiana. This is for 6693 N. CR 1000 E to be within the Corporate boundaries of the City for public services. Mr. Bill Braman, attorney representing the owners (Ten Foot Rim), spoke of the reason for the request. Councilman Long asked who the owners were (Andy Royalty & Marvin Veetch) and what their plans were. She also shared her frustration with getting this information (Council Agenda and New Business) on Thursday and not having ample time to review. Mr. Braman stated to market it for sale. Mrs. Grizzle asked if it would be linked (by a road) to the weight station on I65, Mr. Braman said he didn't think so, as that would be an INDOT question. Matt Beam asked why annex now, maybe the new owner won't want to be in the City. Mr. Braman shared why his ownership wants in the corporate limit. A couple more questions were directed at responses by police and fire by County vs. City. Mutual Aid agreements are in place between the City and County, and the seriousness of the call dictates who responds. Once annexation discussion was complete, the public hearing was properly closed.

Old Business:

- None to report

New Business

- Councilman Maxie introduced Ordinance No. 19, Council Bill No. 40 (2026), seconded by Councilman Davidson, an Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Seymour, IN, placing the same within the corporate boundaries thereof, and making the same part of the City. Councilman Hubbard asked about who was responsible for the road with the annexation, and it was shared the City would now be responsible for the entire width of the road adjoining the property. Utilities are accessible at the property. Mr. Hinkle asked what other properties/businesses have this ownership group done. Mr. Braman shared the Mr. Royalty had done a little bit of everything, industrial, commercial, and residential. On a motion by Mr. Maxie, seconded by Mr. Lucas, the ordinance passed first reading 4-2.
- Councilman Davidson introduced Resolution No. 21, Council Bill No. 39 (2026), seconded by Councilman Lucas, a resolution Establishing a Fiscal Plan for the Annexation of Certain Territory to the City of Seymour, Jackson County, Indiana. There is no detrimental financial impacts expected with this property addition to the City. On a motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Lucas, the resolution passed 4-3 with the Mayor casting the tie-breaking vote.

Miscellaneous Business

- Councilman Davidson shared he had been approached about closing an alley off of East Harrison and forwarded it to the Planning and Zoning Committee.
- Clerk Treasurer Boas asked some questions of Council and the audience posed by a couple of landowners along Burkart south of Hwy 50. What would you like to see on these properties, and why would someone invest in Seymour? A couple residents spoke of Aerospace industry and Lithium Battery recycling. Boas then asked what would they be willing to do to get this industry? 100% tax abatement? The topic then changed to Scoop the Loop – and the burnouts happening on the brick overlay at crosswalks downtown during the event. Do we end the event because people don't behave, or do we pay overtime and place an officer on every street corner? Mrs. Grizzle thought it happened due to this being a once-a-year event because the City limited cruising, but the City has not limited cruising. Mrs. Winburn thought it should continue, and the public like seeing the cars while utilizing additional officers.
- Mrs. Grizzle spoke about the cancelled meeting 2 weeks ago and then went to flock cameras. She asked about the Village Green cameras, Officer Watson shared those are privately owned, but the city has been granted access to them. Officer Watson then stood up and spoke of the 8 cameras the city owns, where they are located (Hwy entrances and exits), and they only take pictures of the license plate, just like toll road cameras. Since January 1st of this year, over 17 million photos have been taken, and the City has access for 30 days to these photos. The program reviews the photos looking for expired registrations, suspended licenses, hot list warrants, stolen vehicles, missing persons, etc. Officers get a text message if there is a "hit" on a license plate. Annual cost is \$17,500. When compared to man hours it would take capture and input this amount of data, it is easy to understand the value of the system. We have an internal audit process led by Officer Munson, done weekly and biweekly. It was explained that a case number must be generated to do a license plate search.

Questions were brought up about possible data entry errors, are we notified if other agencies we share data with violate flock policies and are we just feeding the AI data infrastructure. The system has multiple checks and balances, and we can deny access to our flock system by other agencies. The question of this being a violation of the 4th amendment has been tried in court and upheld multiple times. AI database? Unknown.

- Lieutenant CJ Foster spoke on behalf of the FOP and the Indiana Police legislative community. He discussed how the state is on the cutting edge of regulation and policy with the flock cameras, and that the City of Seymour has enacted strong policies regarding use of the cameras. The cameras are supported by the FOP and help solve crimes in a timelier manner. He discussed how the system helped catch a multi-state theft ring hitting Home Depot stores. CJ asked the crowd to have an open mind about the system.
- Mr. Hinkle asked for an update and who to contact regarding the ongoing vacancy with the City Council. He was directed to the State Police, County Prosecutor, and Republican Chair Amanda Lowery.

On a motion by Councilman Lucas, seconded by Councilman Davidson, the meeting was properly adjourned.

Matt Nicholson, Mayor

Attest: Darrin Boas, Clerk/ Treasurer